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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Yasutomo KOSUGI	:	Confirmation Number: 2519
Serial No.: 10/022,336	:	Group Art Unit: 3653
Filed: December 20, 2001	:	Allowed: June 03, 2004
	:	Examiner: D. K. Schlak
For: BILL HANDLING MACHINE FOR DETERMINING AMOUNT OF BILLS IN STORAGE BOXES (As Amended)		

**COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR 1.104(e)**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the June 3, 2004 Notices of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicant in the reasoning stated by the Examiner, particularly to the extent if any that such statement might otherwise be construed as a narrowing of scope or surrender of coverage.

First, the Statement addressed only method claim 25. Even if applicable to that claim, the Statement should not be construed as effecting patentability or scope of any of the other allowed claims.

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Also, Applicant submitted claim 25 as a new claim in the response and asserted that the claim was patentable over the art in that response. Since there has been no art rejection of claim 25, there should be no need for further comments on the patentability of that claim.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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